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SUBJECT: CODEL IPU VISIT TO TAIPEI

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PASS TO SENATOR SPARKMAN

1. ESSENCE OF ROC LEGISLATOR HSIEH JEN-CHAO'S MARCH 15 LETTER TO CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN WAS "TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE CLOSE AND LASTING FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES FOR SO LONG WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE FUTURE." MR. JEN-CHAO ALSO NOTED IN HIS LETTER THAT HE WAS SENDING UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO SPARKMAN AN ESSAY WHICH HE PREPARED ENTITLED "COMMENT ON SINO-AMERICAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY FROM THE LEGAL VIEWPOINT".

2. ON MARCH 30 CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN REPLIED: "THANK YOU FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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YOUR KIND LETTER OF MARCH 15. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ESSAY ON THE SECURITY TREATY BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. IN A SENATE SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 24, I MADE REFERENCE TO THE U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER ASPBCTS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF ENCLOSING A COPY."

3. RELEVANT PASSAGE FROM FEBRUARY 24 SPEECH IS: "I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANYTHING WE OUGHT TO DO, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO ALTER OUR RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA MAINTAINS THAT IT CANNOT ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES UNLESS WE SEVER OUR SECURITY TREATY WITH TAIWAN. THIS, IT SEEMS TO ME, WOULD BE BOTH UNWISE AND UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME. THE TAIWANESE ECONOMY IS FLOURISHING AND THE CHINESE AND NATIVE TAIWANESE SEEM TO BE LIVING TOGETHER ON THE ISLAND IN REASONABLE, IF LESS THAN PERFECT, HARMONY. THERE IS NO INDICATION, MOREOVER, OF ANY POPULAR DESIRE FOR RE-UNION WITH CHINA. AS FAR AS CHINA IS CONCERNED, OUR RELATIONS ARE IN FACT CLOSE ENOUGH TO NORMAL TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THEIR AND OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. I WOULD THINK THAT WE CAN BOTH LIVE COMFORTABLY ENOUGH FOR AWHILE LONGER WITH LIAISON OFFICES IN EACH OTHERS CAPITALS WHICH IN FACT ARE EMBASSIES IN ALL BUT NAME."

4. TO COMPLETE THE RECORD, MR. HSIEH AND TWO OF HIS COLLEAGUES WROTE TO SPARKMAN ON MARCH 24 WITH ANOTHER MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL. THE CHAIRMAN RESPONDED ON APRIL 5 AS FOLLOWS: "GENTLEMEN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF MARCH 24. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR LETTER OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL."
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